

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006\_1488A  
Masahiro YAMAUCHI et al. : **Confirmation No. 4401**  
Serial No. 10/591,827 : Group Art Unit 1633  
Filed October 10, 2006 : Examiner Janet L. Epps-Smith  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the nonfinal Office Action dated December 18, 2009, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.